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January
19
2025

Pastor

Fr. Craig Loecker

Associate Pastor

Fr. Michael Swanton

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am,

12:00noon, 5:30pm

Monday-Friday: 7:30am

Confessions

Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm

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St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

St. Leo the Great Parish is a faith-filled community dedicated to...

Offering inspiring & prayerful worship, Developing & maintaining quality, life-long religious education for everyone, Providing loving service to those in need, Celebrating the great events in our parish family.

A Note from Fr. Craig

Dear Parishioners, January 22 is a Day of Prayer for the Legal



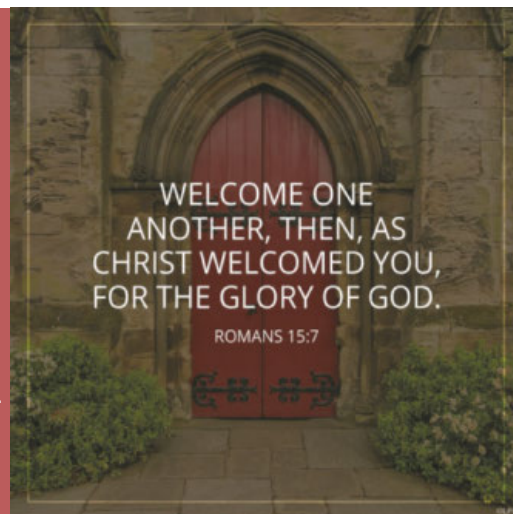
Protection of Unborn Children. Please join me in praying for a greater respect for human life and an end to abortion.

A Prayer from Pope John Paul II: Please God you may continue, closely united with one another, to be a force of renewal and hope in our society. May the Lord help you to work ceaselessly to enable all, believers and non-believers alike, to understand that protection of human life from conception is an essential condition for building a future worthy of the human being.

Have a good week,
Fr. Craig

REFUGEE FAMILY ARRIVING SOON

Dear St. Leo Parishioners, We are happy to announce that relatives of the Syrian Abughalyoon family, co-sponsored several years ago by St. Pius X and St. Leo, are expected to arrive in Omaha in early February. Please check the bulletin next week for more information and opportunities to assist. We will be asking for donations of household items through a sign-up genius, donations of winter coats, gloves and hats for the family, financial donations to help them for the first few months in Omaha and volunteers to assist in transporting items to a home and helping set up the home before their arrival. The family includes a sister-in-law and her seven children, ages 11-21.



Thank you in advance for any help and prayers you can offer in warmly welcoming this family who have been displaced from their homeland for many, many years. Please reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,
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Kathleen Burns 402-290-8353 mkmcehl@cox.net

Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Donations Received January 12, 2025

Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:

\$54,436.00

Sunday Plate: \$2,171.17

Total Sunday: \$56,607.17

~Our per Sunday goal is \$31,500~

Fiscal Year to Date Deficit:

\$-23,688.28

Building Fund Envelopes: \$335.00

Human Needs Envelopes: \$220.00

Christmas Collection to Date:

\$100,254.00

Seminary Collection to Date:

\$6,209.00

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

2024 Goal: \$118,661.34

Received: \$110,411.37

(93.05%)

Deficit: \$8,249.97

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 20

7:30am + Danielle Bemis
& Helene Soby

Tuesday, January 21

7:30am + James DuBe

Wednesday, January 22

7:30am + All Souls

Thursday, January 23

7:30am + Lillian Smiricky

Friday, January 24

7:30am + Helene Soby

Saturday, January 25

5:00pm + Tony Bohn

Sunday, January 26

8:00am + Anita Lois Hikes

10:00am + Ardyth Salerno

12:00pm + John Kocarnik

5:30pm St. Leo Parish Family

Presider Schedule

January 25 & 26

Sat. 5:00pm: Fr. Mike

Sun. 8:00am: Fr. Gillick

Sun. 10:00am: Fr. Mike

Sun. 12:00noon: Fr. Craig

Sun. 5:30pm: Fr. Craig

St. Leo Prayer Line

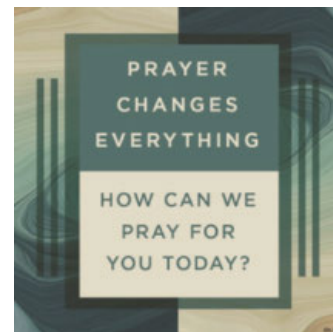
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Jeanne (5pm-9pm) 493-0145

Kathy kw1209@yahoo.com

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or dina@stleo.net



January 26th marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. The 5th and Kindergarten grade students and their families are invited to participate in the 10:00 AM liturgy. All are welcome to gather for refreshments after mass.



Please remember in your prayers those who have been born into eternal life, especially **Tom Guier**, cousin of Don Guier.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Nebraska Right to Life is holding its third annual Walk for Life Gala on Friday, Jan. 31, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites-La Vista. Actor and pro-life advocate Jim Caviezel will speak at the gala. The following day, Feb. 1, the annual Walk for Life will be held in Lincoln at 10 a.m. There will be a 9 a.m. Pro-Life Mass at Saint Mary's Church in Lincoln before the walk. Please plan on attending one or all of these events.

2025 St. James/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Melodrama/Olio show tickets are now on sale at admiralomaha.com.

Show dates are February, 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd at 730pm at the Admiral. We have a show for you that's even more outrageous, hilarious, and heartwarming than ever before. We would love to see your face in the audience whether it's your first time or you're a seasoned audience member.



Global Outreach – the only Catholic-based high school student exchange program in the world – is looking for host families for exchange students from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and Ukraine. These students will attend Gross Catholic High School, Roncalli Catholic High School or Skutt Catholic High School. Please visit www.globaloutreachprogram.com for more information.

Soda Bread 2025

Soda Bread season begins next weekend, January 25 & 26. The Knights of Columbus again ask your help to raise money for the Tuition Assistance fund at St. Pius X/St. Leo School. Many



of your favorite flavors will be available. **Thank you in advance for your generous support.**



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

Psalms:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.
(1 Cor 12:11)

Gospel:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the servants at Cana. Each of us, at various times, finds ourselves confused and unsure, empty where we should be full, unprepared where we should be ready. When we falter, Mary's words give us direction: "Do whatever he tells you."

Observances for the week of January 19, 2025

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; Martin Luther King Day
- Tuesday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Wednesday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Thursday:** St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Devotions, Explained!

The Angelus is an ancient devotion whose practice developed over the course of several centuries. It is composed of three antiphons that tell the story of the annunciation, each followed by a Hail Mary. It is usually said daily at noon.

Prayer for the Miraculous

Oh God,
Oh God beyond my
understanding,
Bring Your soul-stirring power
into my life today.
In the places where people are
saying, "It can't be done" or
"There's no solution," act in such
a way that responds: "There is a
way, and there is a God, and He
loves me."

Amen.

Happy 2025 from St. Pius X/St. Leo School. We are already in the swing of things at school and ready for the second semester. Students and staff had a busy last few weeks in December and enjoyed their two-week break for Christmas and New Year's.

-Congratulations to our 8th graders who made their Confirmation on December 8 at both parishes, may the Holy Spirit continue to shine upon them.

-Students in grades 2nd and 4th showed off their musical skills in their production of "Lights! Camera! Christmas!", it was quite a hit.

-Kindergarten and Pre-K also dazzled their parents and grandparents with songs of Christmas with shows of their own. * Kindergarten/Pre-k round-up is January 25th: sign up at spsl.net

I want to highlight our fantastic fourth-grade team this week. It consists of two teachers who are new to our building but come to us with decades of experience, Mrs. Monica Stromberg and Mrs. Laura Zabloudil. Miss

Caroline Adrian has been with us for 3 years and started our recycling program at SPSL this year to help us be more sustainable. We are thrilled to have these 3 teaching our fourth graders. We have 2 teaching assistants, Mrs. Patch and Mrs. Keogh who help with grading, individual instruction, and of course recess and lunch, they are a valued asset to the teachers.



Fourth graders continue to master those skills they have learned in the primary grades and take on new

challenges in reading and math.

Nebraska is an area of study and I am sure we can all remember our trip to the capital that will take place for our students in the spring. We understand the importance of cursive writing and still have our fourth graders write a majority of their work in cursive. They are writing all types of writing including informative, opinion and persuasive pieces, creativity is shining through their writing every week. Math focuses on multi-digit multiplication and division as well as fractions and decimals. These students will be ready to go for 5th grade!

We currently have a waiting list for this class so if you are interested in joining our school for 5th grade next year please contact the school office (402-551-6667) and speak to Emily Abboud.



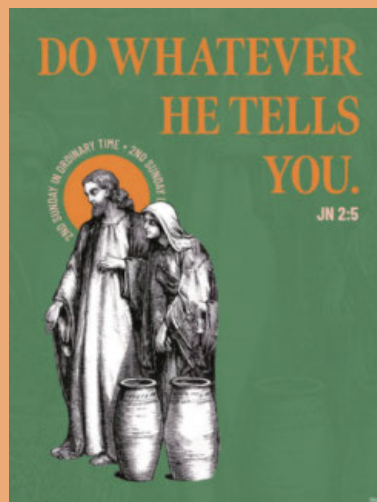
In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness

Deacon Jim Shipman

Have you ever been asked to do something that you did not feel comfortable or prepared to do? Often parents push their children into doing chores or tasks that they may never have done. That's how we learn, trying new things.

At the Wedding at Cana, from John's Gospel, Mary inspired by the Holy Spirit, tells Jesus, "They have no wine." Jesus' response was questioning how this issue concerned Him and replied, "My hour has not yet come." Yet He realizing that His mother was asking Him to fix this catastrophe. Mary knew if her Son Jesus was to do this miracle, it would change things forever, but she said, "Do

whatever he tells you." Thus, at a Wedding Feast at Cana, Jesus performed His First Public Miracle. During the next three years, Jesus would heal many people, feed thousands of people, and raise people from the dead. Yet this miracle was very special because it foretold the Institution of the Eucharist where Jesus at the

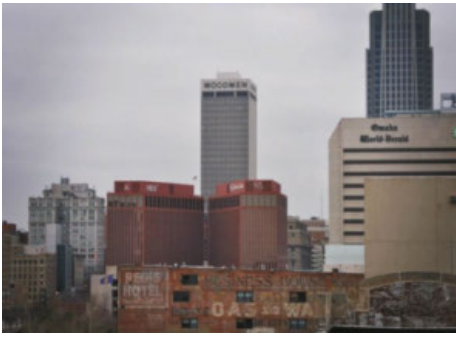


Last Supper, turns bread into His Body, and wine into His Blood. It also foreshadows the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, where Jesus is the Groom and His Church is His bride.

Mary inspired by the Holy Spirit prompted Jesus to perform this miracle by turning water into wine. Jesus also inspired by the Holy Spirit, yielded to His Father's will and began His Public Ministry.

Often Our Lord asks us to do things that may seem beyond our capabilities, but through the Holy Spirit, we can do all things in Christ! Listen to the Holy Spirit and let Our Lord Jesus Christ guide you through your next big project or task. God may work a miracle for you.

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; and John 2:1-11



Nicholas Andrews, Jerry Baggert, Mick Bayne, Ronnie Beasley, Todd Callahan, Bill Clark, T.J. Ewin, Matt Fadell, Tim Harding, Ken Kanger, Brandon Krajieski, B.J. Kreikemeier, D.J. Kreikemeier, Scott Kriener, Keith Lampert, Brendan O'Flynn, Michael O'Hanlon, Jonathan Rieschl, Adam Rokes, D.J. Roshone, Ken Rowe, Justin Rudloff, Scott Schendt, Brian Schmaderer, Todd Schmaderer, Dave Schneider, David Shavlik, Kenneth Shipman, Mike Smith, Joel Strominger, Aaron Tierney, T.J. Wurth

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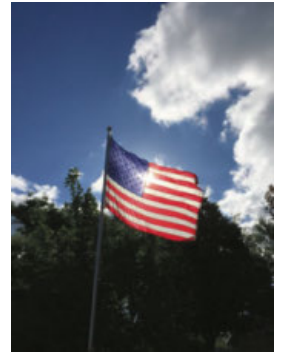
Prayer for Those Serving our City as Police, Fire & Rescue

Blessed are you Lord, God of Mercy, Send down your blessings and your protection on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Protect them and grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. +Amen

Prayer for Those Serving our Country in the Military

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. +Amen

Scott, Ashby, John Banker, David Banker, Leigh Barry, Andy Bayne, Carl Benander, John Bergmann, Pete Bruening, Maury Champoux, Chandler Clark, Jake Dreessen, Drew Dunham, Anthony Fleming, Kris Fleming, Ed Fuchs, Amy Gerwitz, Amber Hagy, Jonathon Hale, Jordan Hammond, A.J. Hickey, Glen Hickey, Brice Hilfiker, Wesley Hulstein, Deborah Infante, Zach Juteau, TJ Kafka, Alex Kelly, Anton Deeths Kerrigan, Tristin Knoell, Brandon Kreikemeier, Daniel Kudlacz, Paul Lampert, Doug Langhorst, Andrew Leary, Matthew Leary, Madi Lorimer, Thomas Lorimer, Nick Lynch, Drew McChesney, Cameron McWilliams, Jessica Milbourn, Josh Navarro, Kaitlyn Hickey Oiler, Matt Oiler, Nathan Pence, Jacob Phillips, Eli Reichert, Joseph Reynolds, Karoline Rieks, Chris Rivers, Nathan Rokes, Ashley Sanchez, Jon Schroeder, Will Schroeder, Jake Schumacher, Ben Stokesbary, Spencer Swerczek, Brad Tomasek, Ryan Walker, Sean P. Walz, Andrea J. White, Nate Whisler, Matt Wolford, Maggie Yakus If you have a loved one (family or friend) who is currently serving our country and would like their name listed each week asking for prayers, email dina@stleo.net.



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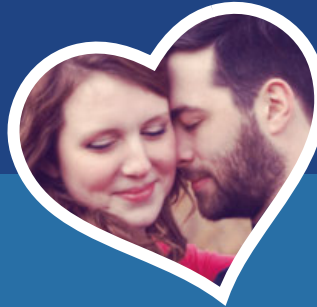
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